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## COUNTRY SUPPORTS UNION GOVERNMENT

Union Government Sweeps Country—Incredible Majorities Give the Government Mandate to Prosecute the War by Means of the Military Service Act.

When the returns began to come in Tuesday night from the county town to the Liberal and Unionist rooms here astonishment was written on every face. The Unionists were frankly astonished at the poor showing of the Liberal candidate, Mr. Hardy, and the Liberals were astounded at the big majorities for Sir Thomas White, which totalled 1,500. Hardy was defeated in every municipality except two—Plum Hollow, where he had a lead of one vote, and Westport, where he had a lead of 17. It is believed that the Unionists have a majority of 52 seats.

The election of the Unionist candidate was the cause of a celebration in Athens. Bonfires blazed on Main street in the zero weather until a late hour Monday night. The village gave White a majority of 22.

The Ottawa river proved the dividing line in the wholly remarkable division of the Canadian electorate and west of it, the Unionist lead attained large proportions.

On the other hand, the anticipated happened in Quebec. A "solid Quebec" was promised to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and those who made the undertaking delivered the goods. Nowhere save in the English constituencies of Montreal, had the Unionists a look in. Most of them lost their deposits.

French Vote Solid for Laurier. Wherever the French vote predominated, it was cast solidly for the Laurier candidates and this factor especially accounts not only for the Laurier sweep in Quebec but also in most of the maritime seats where the opposition now leads. Soldiers' Vote Will Help Union.

Nowhere is the election of a Unionist imperilled by the overseas vote which aggregating an eighth of the total has yet to be counted, but very probably the temporary lead of the Laurier candidates outside of Quebec will in some instances be reversed when the overseas results are available.

Majorities Are Big. There are no close contests where Unionists have been elected. The majorities are uniformly large, those for the Unionists in Ontario and the west corresponding with the abnormal leads for Laurier in the Quebec constituencies.

To no single element may the result be more attributed than to the female voters. The figures, at least, from the upper provinces and from the English speaking seats in Montreal, demonstrate that the women voters went almost solely for the government, which was pledged to support their relatives at the front.

Wait Soldiers' Vote. The victory of the Union Ministry though striking in the light of present figures, is not yet complete. A quarter of a million soldiers' votes overseas or elsewhere outside Canada have yet to be counted, this being equal to one-eighth of the total. The military vote at home also waits tabulation.

There has never been any doubt as to the overwhelming predominance of this vote for the government, and when it comes in it will alter no Unionist majority, but especially where the contests are close, will in all probability wipe out the ephemeral lead of certain Liberals.

En Route to China. Captain G. S. Cronk, who was one of the members of the medical board in Brockville under the Military Service Act, has left Kingston, en route to China on a special mission. Two other military physicians accompanied him.

Draft Reaches England. Announcement is officially made that the draft from the Railway Construction and Forestry Depot in Brockville, has safely reached England. Captain Demers was in command.

The Reporter wants correspondents in a number of villages in the country where it is not now represented. Some of these are: Addison, Glen Buell, Glen Elbe, Toledo, Delta, Elgin, Lyndhurst, Oak Leaf. Write for further particulars.

## TOTAL RESULTS OF THE VICTORY LOAN

Amount Raised in Brockville, Leeds and Grenville Was \$3,219,800.

Below are the total figures raised by the several municipalities in Leeds and Grenville for the Canadian Victory Loan:

Brockville	\$1,150,150
Elizabethtown	124,350
Front Yonge & Escott	85,500
Front Leeds & Lansdowne	195,300
Gananoque	308,550
Crosby	153,650
Bastard	104,700
Kitley	61,200
Athens, Rear Leeds & Lansdowne, Yonge & Escott	217,800
Prescott	250,300
Edwardsburg	96,450
Augusta	91,100
Wolford	119,300
Oxford and S. Gower	223,700
Cardinal	37,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,219,800</b>

### Ruling Regarding Students.

Various instructions have been issued to tribunals by the Department of Militia concerning the status of medical, dental and veterinary students of Toronto University under the Military Service Act. The authorities acknowledge the necessity of the services of graduates of these courses, believing that these students are more valuable as professional men than as members of combatant forces. Although such regulations may be subject to change, the present ruling is that such students shall continue their courses to graduation, and shall then, if medically fit, be attached to their proper corps. This privilege is granted on condition that the college men take military training and pass examinations in the meantime. The Canadian Officers' Training Corps of Toronto University provides the drill which is required of all, regardless of their medical category.

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### Exemption Appeals.

The appeals in connection with exemptions under the Military Service Act are being heard in Brockville, and will continue until Saturday. His Honor Judge Dowsley will hear the appeals for and against the residents of Gananoque, Newboro, Athens, Delta, and Mallorytown, while His Honor Judge Reynolds will hear the Toledo, Merrickville, North Augusta, Cardinal and Kemptville appeals. Two hundred appeals have been filed with the presiding officers by the applicants and Militia authorities, but some have been withdrawn.

### Choir Practise.

The choir of the Methodist church will hold its weekly practise on Saturday, December 22, at 8 p.m. instead of on Friday.

### NOTICE

Owing to E. Taylor going out of the auctioneer business, I hold a license for the Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and will conduct all sales that I may be favored with. Phone 94, Smith's Falls, or Athens Reporter for dates and particulars. D. C. HEALEY, Auctioneer

### Surprise Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Godkin, Oak Leaf, opened their home to a number of Athenians who surprised them Wednesday night, and music and dancing made the occasion one long to be remembered for its great measure of hospitality and real pleasure. Light refreshments were served. The heavy snow fall was no deterrent to the daring spirits that braved the tree-mile drive.

### Married in Almonte.

It will be of interest to the readers of The Reporter to learn that Rev. Wm. Usher, Presbyterian minister, recently of Athens, was united in marriage to Miss Emily Cannon at the home of her parents, Almonte, on Friday last, the 14th inst. Rev. S. G. Brown, Almonte, officiated. Rev. and Mrs. Usher subsequently left for a few days visit to Ottawa, whence they will proceed to their new home at Bishop's Mills, Ont.

### In the Pig Business.

Perth Council will purchase 15 or 20 pigs at once with a view to having all who can, keep a pig next summer. The fifteen will be kept at the Albion House for the winter and it is expected by next spring the stock will have increased to 125 or so.

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